GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3777
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2002
DISCREPANCY IN FCI
BIR SING MAHATO;MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities have been committed by the marketing officers of Food Corporationof India appointed to sell foodgrains to traders in open market in connivance with traders;

(b) if so, the number of cases which were noticed/informed/reported against the officials of Food Corporation of India, State-wise during each of the last three years;

(c) the number of cases forwarded to Central Bureau of Investigation and the number of casesin which investigation has been completed alongwith the action taken against the guilty officials;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to streamline the operation of Food Corporation of India and to check corruption in an effective manner; and

(e) the success achieved by the Government through the adopted measures?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a): Yes, Sir. Some irregularities committed by the officials of Food Corporation of India (FCI) in the operation of the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) had come to the notice during 1996-97.

(b): The requisite information for the last three years i.e., 1999, 2000 and 2001 is nil.

(c): Does not arise, in view of the reply to part (b) of the Question.

(d)&(e): There is a full fledged Vigilance Division in FCI which functions according tothe policies/guidelines laid down by the Government. Government also formulates the Annual Action Plan on vigilance and anti-corruption measures for FCI suggesting three pronged strategy viz., preventive, surveillance and punitive. Besides, the officers of the Ministry are alsodeputed, if considered necessary, for on-the-spot inquiry into the complaints against the officers of FCI.The constant vigil by the Vigilance Division of FCI and the Ministry has resulted positively in containing corruption in FCI and making its operations effective, to the extent possible.